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THE NOV 25 identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through November 11, 2003.